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2006 CROP REPORTS DUE BY AUGUST 1

The reporting or certifying of your farm(s) 2006 crops is very important to all Direct & Counter-cyclical Program (DCP) producers because **without final and complete acreage reports on file yearly benefits such as direct and cyclical DCP payments, Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) rental payments, and applicable marketing assistance crop loan & loan deficiency payments (LDP) cannot be earned or received.**

By August 1, producers who yet need to report should schedule their appointments with the county office by calling 620-382-3714. Producers will be expected to identify on a field basis plantings and planting dates of 2006 feed grain and oilseed crops like corn, grain sorghum, soybeans, and sunflowers. Other crop and land uses such as those acres idled or devoted to alfalfa, CRP, and other grasses must also be identified in order to account for the entire cropland contained within a farm. Please keep in mind that it is a contract violation for DCP farms to plant fruit and vegetable crops on base acres, unless there is an established history of planting these crops. Home gardens of no more than 2 acres for the producer's own consumption are an exception.

If you missed the earlier spring deadline to report wheat and other small grain plantings, you may still late file a report at a cost of \$25/farm necessary to perform an actual farm visit to verify crop existence.

Those producers that may not have filed forms CCC-502, Farm Operating Plan for Payment Eligibility Review, AD-1026, HELC Conservation Certification, and CCC-526, Average Adjusted Gross Income Certification have only until September 30 to complete or make any needed revisions and submit them into their local county FSA office in order to remain eligible for 2006 USDA benefits.

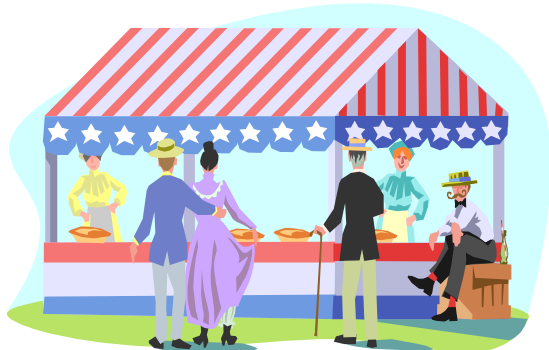
2006 SEASON CCC LOANS & LDPS

Producers interested in financing options for their operations may want to consider FSA's non recourse marketing assistance loan program for grains. Under this program, producers may store harvested crops on the farm or in warehouse elevators and pledge them to the Commodity Credit Corp (CCC) as collateral for 9 month term loans.

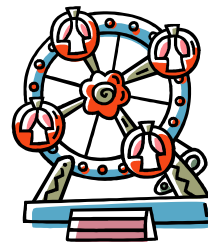
The 2006 base loan rates for Marion County are:

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Rate</u>
Wheat	\$2.85/bu
Barley	\$1.75
Oats	\$1.34
Corn	\$2.04
Soybeans	\$4.91
Grain Sorghum	\$3.35/cwt
Sunflowers (oil)	\$8.95/cwt
Dry Peas	\$6.12/cwt
Wool	\$0.40/lb

The recent trends and increases in the Posted County Prices (PCP) have not triggered Loan Deficiency Payments (LDP) for most crops, except barley and dry peas. However, all producers are encouraged to complete form CCC-633 EZ, page 1 as a preparation measure for a possible intention to obtain an LDP at a later date. Producers must file a CCC-633 EZ, page 1 with FSA before the loss of beneficial interests, defined as control, title, and bearing risk, in the commodity.



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booth at the Marion Co
Fair In Hillsboro,
August 9-11*



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Help "Celebrate CRP" by attending the September 20, 2006 CRP Marion County field tour. Morning field site visits will be made to view established native grass, wildlife habitat buffers, filter strips, and wetland restoration practices. The tour will start at the Marion Co Fairgrounds in Hillsboro at 8:30 am with plans to end by 12:00 noon. Although not required, pre-registration is encouraged to arrange for bus transportation by calling 620-382-3714 or e-mail william.harmon@ks.usda.gov

Persons that will attend with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Bill Harmon at the Marion County FSA Office.

BRIEFLY...

USDA agency offices will be closed for observance of the following National holidays: September 4, Labor Day and October 9, Columbus Day.

Please take note of the following upcoming Marion Co. producer meetings and field days: August 23 – No Till on the Plains Workshop; September 15 – Brush Management Field Day. Contact the county NRCS office by calling 620-382-3714 for further details.

As a service to livestock producers, county FSA offices are assisting the Kansas Animal Health Dept. (KAHD) in providing premise registration availability for the National Animal Identification System (NAIS). Premise registration is voluntary. On-line registration may be done by accessing the following site: <http://nais.aphis.usda.gov/NAIS/index.jsp?state=ks>

CRP producers may perform managed haying and livestock grazing operations on their established contract acres under certain conditions and rules. Requests must be filed at the county office and approval authority granted before any activity is done. A required forage management plan must be followed and a 25% contract rental rate payment reduction applies for acres hayed or grazed.